

**CHARLES TAYLOR MASTER
MECHANIC'S AWARD**

**Fairbanks Flight Standards District
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GILBERT NORDMARK



NORDMARK, Gilbert (Gil). Gil Nordmark was born in 1928 and raised on a ranch near Columbus, Montana.

Gil joined the Army Air Corps in 1946, and served as a radio and radar repairman for 3 years. Following his discharge, he worked a variety of jobs in the Northwest, including ranching, railroading and construction.

Gil and his wife, Viola were married in 1950. In 1952, they made the big move to Alaska, where they eventually raised their 5 children. Gil went to work in the avionics shop for Wien in Fairbanks. For the next 25 years, Gil maintained avionics for Wien Airlines, and received his first repairman certificate with the company in 1955.

Gil's talent extended beyond Wien's aircraft and he installed and maintained the company's radio communications and navigation sites throughout the northern half of Alaska. This included the 24 hours/ a day at Point Barrow site that allowed the original S.A.S. over-the-pole flights, as well as, Wein's navigation beacon at Arctic Village.

After Wien closed their maintenance facility in 1977 Gil went to work in the Fairbanks avionics shop of ERA Helicopters as a repairman. ERA also closed their Fairbanks shop, so Gil commuted to Anchorage and Deadhorse while maintaining his home in Fairbanks. In 1988 Gil went to work for Everts Air Fuel in the avionics shop, where he was working at the time this award was presented, as a repairman on their Curtiss C-46 and Douglas DC-6 aircraft. He also works part time as a avionics repairman for Air Cargo Express in Fairbanks.